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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF AFGHANISTAN

IPF: (1992-96) $70 039 000

(AFG/88/001) - Rural Rehabilitation in Southern and Eastern Afghanistan -

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	26 May 1993
Expected duration:	Five years and eight months
Proposed executing agency:	UNDP/OPS
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Planning
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$10 060 700 Source of funds: IPF
Previous UNDP contribution:	$18 500 000
Total UNDP budget:	$28 560 700

Project background

Since its inception in April 1989, the above-mentioned project has evolved and adapted to changing circumstances affecting rural rehabilitation in Afghanistan. While the current pace of refugee repatriation has slowed, a steady stream of returnees is still expected. The project still remains the principal component of UNDP's rural rehabilitation assistance to Afghanistan. Rehabilitation activities have been carried out during the war, in areas where the Government in Kabul had no presence, through the contracted services of NGOs, both Afghan and international, operating inside Afghanistan across the border from Pakistan. After the fall of the Najibullah Government, the project had continued to expand, following the same basic methodology.

As of 31 December 1992, 304 sub-projects, with an aggregate value of $16.7 million, had been approved for funding under the project. Of these, sub-projects dealing with crop production and agricultural support accounted for $5 million, livestock health $6.8 million, roads $1.2 million, and assistance to disabled Afghans $0.2 million.

Description of project

The main objective of the project is to creat conditions conducive to the return of Afghan refugees from Pakistan and Iran through the restoration of basic rural infrastructure and capacity of food production in areas of Southern and Eastern Afghanistan where security conditions permit effective operations and monitoring.

[1] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

Subject to adequate security situation, the project will establish field offices in Qandahar, Lashkargah, Khost and Jalalabad. As soon as the security situation allows it, Project Headquarters will be moved to Kabul and technical personnel from Peshawar and Quetta will be relocated to appropriate locations in the Eastern and Southern regions of Afghanistan. The workplan focuses on 14 provinces, with additional activities shared and coordinated in the three provinces of Parwan, Kapisa and Kabul, with the UNDP-funded, OPS-executed project Rural Rehabilitation in Northern, Western and Central Afghanistan (AFG/90/007). Attention will be paid to mainstreaming women's issues in project activities. While relying primarily on Afghan implementing partners for sub-project implementation, the project will work towards development of new techniques to promote greater community involvement during project planning and implementation. Activities in the crop production sector will progressively diminish with no new subcontracts approved after 31 March 1993, on the understanding that FAO will take over the activities in this sector.

By the end of August 1994 the project will have established 120 additional veterinary field units with 700 trained veterinary workers; 1500 km of canals will have been cleaned; 150 drinking water wells repaired; 194,000 cubic meters of irrigation/water supply structure rehabilitated; 245,000 hectares of agricultural land recovered; and training of 28 road repair engineering teams accomplished.

Inputs

UNDP will provide 3,278 work-months of operational and technical personnel; subcontracts to implementing partners with level of funding channelled to each sector based on needs identified by the communities and technically assessed by project personnel; on-the-job training labour and locally available building material such as stone, gravel and sand; tools and equipment; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	2 771 100
Subcontract	6 435 500
Training	3 400
Equipment	296 300
Miscellaneous	554 400
Total	10 060 700

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